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## UNITED NATIONS TRAINING CENTRE AT UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

THE RIVERS, FORESTS, CITIES AND INDUSTRIES OF WESTERN CANADA AND NORTHWESTERN UNITED STATES WILL SERVE AS A LABORATORY IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR A NEW-TYPE TRAINING CENTRE TO BE OPERATED BY THE UNITED NATIONS, THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA BEGINNING 1 JUNE.

THE REGIONAL TRAINING CENTRE FOR U.N. FELLOWS, WITH HEAD-QUARTERS ON THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS IN VANCOUVER, B.C., WILL ENABLE TRAINEES FROM UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO STUDY AND OBSERVE ACTIVITIES IN FIELDS SUCH AS HYDROELECTRIC POWER, WATER DEVELOPMENT, MINING, FORESTRY, LAND MANAGEMENT, COOPERATIVES, CREDIT UNIONS, SOCIAL WELFARE, AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.

IN CONTRAST TO TRAINING CENTRES THAT PROVIDE FORMAL LECTURES AND GROUP FIELD TRIPS, THE VANCOUVER CENTRE WILL DRAW UP INDIVIDUAL TRAINING PLANS TAILORED TO THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF EACH FELLOW.

A TRAINEE, SELECTED UNDER THE UN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, MAY ENROLL FOR CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION, IF APPROPRIATE, OR HE MAY CARRY OUT GUIDED STUDIES UNDER FACULTY SUPERVISION. IN ADDITION, HE WILL BE ATTACHED TO A FIELD AGENCY OR GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE IN THE LABORATORY AREA FOR FIRST-HAND OBSERVATION IN HIS SPECIALTY.

"REMARKABLE" DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA CITED AS THE LABORATORY AREA OF